

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-60 under various arguments based on 35 USC § 102 and USC § 103. Applicant has canceled all but claim 57, which has been amended, and has added new claims 61-67, all of which depend from amended claim 57. It is respectfully submitted that claims 57 (amended), 61-67 are patentable over the art of record and that the Examiner's reasons rejection do not apply to these claims.

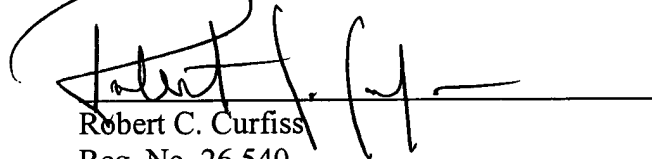
ARGUMENT

The Examiner has rejected original claim 57 over Jacobsen in view of Yamamoto under 35 USC § 103. While Yamamoto does show a mounting rail, the mounting rail does not support the sensor device 14, but supports the gripping device or handle. The purpose of applicant's invention is to provide a common mounting system for a plurality of sensor modules, wherein the sensor modules may be quickly and selectively attached to and removed from a driver base. Yamamoto does not teach this or even remotely suggest applicant's invention as set forth in the amended claims. Jacobsen adds nothing to Yamamoto to teach or suggest applicant's invention. Jacobsen is directed to a sending unit carried by personnel and a receiving unit at a remote location. The sending unit monitors the conditions of personnel and sends data to the remote receiving unit. Jacobsen does not disclose or suggest a base unit which is coupled to one of a plurality of collection device for driving the device and for collecting and sending the information.

It is respectfully submitted that none of the art of record teaches or remotely suggests applicant's invention, whether taken singly or in combination. It is respectfully requested that the rejections to the claims be withdrawn and the case be passed to issue.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful to the allowance of this application, a telephone conference is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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